

VARIETIES.

On a tombstone in a graveyard in Uster, is the following epitaph: "Erected to the memory of John Phillips, accidentally shot as a mark of affection by his brother."

A hasty pudding which had been set out to cool one morning recently in Boston, was taken to the station-house by a policeman on a charge of smoking in the street, a practice which is not permitted in that tidy little city.

An editor says his attention was first drawn to matrimony by the skillful manner in which a pretty girl handled a broom. A brother editor says the manner in which his wife handles a broom is not very pleasant.

A little boy four or five years old was much vexed with his grand-mother for slapping his ears; but not daring to "saucy" her directly, he took up his favorite cat, and stroking her back, thus addressed her: "Well, pussy, I wish one of us three was dead—and it ain't you, pussy, and it ain't me, pussy."

FASHIONABLE MUSIC.—Photograph of fashionable music, copied from the original:

Waw waw, waw waw waw waw,
Thaw waw, waw waw waw waw,
Waw waw, waw waw waw waw,
Waw waw, waw waw waw waw.

Key to the above:

Welcome, sweet day of rest,
That saw the lord arise;
Welcome to this reviving breast,
And these rejoicing eyes.

A traveler stopped at an inn to breakfast, and having drunk a cup of what was given to him, the servant asked, "What will you take, sir, tea or coffee?" "That depends upon circumstances," was the reply; "if what you gave me last was tea, I want coffee; if it was coffee, I want tea; I want a change."

THE late Mr. Cobden used to tell the following anecdote: "When in America," said he, "I asked an enthusiastic American lady why her country could not rest satisfied with the immense unoccupied territories it already possessed, but must ever be hankering after the lands of its neighbor; when her somewhat remarkable reply was, 'Oh the propensity is a bad one, I admit, but we came honestly by it, for we inherited it from England.'"

The Attorney a Blackguard. Touching felicitous endings, a western correspondent supplies a legal incident that will be appreciated, we know: Several years ago, when one of our present justices of the Supreme Court was a district attorney of a neighboring county, rather a laughable incident occurred as related by himself. Court week he used to occupy a bed-room at Lewis' hotel. He had his books in this room. Here he drew his indictments, and in important cases he used to direct the Sheriff to bring the peoples witnesses for preliminary examination.

It happened at one session that he had an important murder case coming on. The celebrated Gen. (now Judge) Nye was counsel for the defendant. He examined the witnesses as usual, and took careful minutes of what they would state on the stand. He found that a lady was the most important witness for the people, and he also discovered that she was rather excitable and high strung, and a fast talker.

Apprehensive of trouble, he thought he'd caution her a little. So he told her, when she came on the stand, not to talk. "Pay attention," said the district attorney "to my questions, and answer them, but don't talk; and when Nye comes to examine you, you must be very careful and don't get excited, for he is a great blackguard, and will try to get you mad. Just pay attention to his questions and answer them, no matter how often repeated or how apparently silly, but don't allow him to get you off your balance."

The district attorney and witness parted for the night. The next day the case came on. The district attorney called his witness, and she went through her evidence on the part of the people to his perfect admiration, and he handed her over to Nye.

He went along awhile very smoothly. Pretty soon he began to crowd her, and she began to "flame up;" he crowded the more, and soon they had a regular breeze. Finally, having lost self-control, she broke out as follows:

"I won't answer any more of your contemptible questions; you're a nasty, dirty blackguard, and the district attorney told me so."

After the laugh had partly subdued, Nye said:

"What! the district attorney told you so? When and where did he tell you so?"

"He told me last night in his bedroom."

FARM AND HOUSE.

Origin of Gardening.

Gardening was probably one of the first arts that succeeded to that of building houses, and naturally attended property and individual possessions. Culinary, and afterwards medicinal herbs, were the objects of every head of a family; it became convenient to have them within reach, without seeking them at random, in woods and on the mountains, as often as they were wanted. When the earth ceased to furnish spontaneously all those primitive luxuries, and culture became requisite, separate enclosures for raising herbs became expedient. Fruits were in the same predicament; and those most in use, or that demanded attention, must have entered into the domestic enclosure. Thus we acquired kitchen gardens, orchards, and vineyards; no doubt the prototypes of these sorts, was the garden of Eden.

A cottage and a slip of ground for cabbages and gooseberry-bushes, such as we see by the side of a common, were, in all probability, the earliest seats and gardens. As settlements increased, the orchard and the vineyard followed; and the earliest princes of tribes possessed just the necessities of a modern farmer. Matters, we may believe, remained long in this situation; and we have reason to think that, for many centuries, the garden implied no more than a kitchen garden or orchard. The garden of Alcibiades, in the Odyssey, is the most renowned in the heroic times, yet its whole compass enclosed only four acres—

"Four acres was the allotted space of ground, Fenced with a green enclosure all around."

Previously to this, however, we have in the sacred writings, hints of a garden more luxuriously furnished.—[Rural World.

Observations on the Small-pox. In the Mobile (Ala.) Tribune, of a recent date, Dr. E. P. Gains gives some interesting results of observations made chiefly in Europe. These, he says, "go to show that, though there are some persons with whom the preventative effects of vaccination last a long lifetime, it is safest for all persons to be vaccinated whenever the disease prevails in their neighborhood. If the system retains the effects of a prior vaccination, a new one will not take, and it is too late to take a second or third time, this is proof that the system was liable to small-pox in some form. Records of the Prussian army show that, out of about forty thousand soldiers re-vaccinated, it took in about one-third of the cases; amongst Russian soldiers re-vaccinated, the number on which it had an effect a second time was about eighteen per cent, and of Danish soldiers, more than one-half took a second time. Individual cases have been known in which re-vaccination at periods as early as eighteen months, and three years, after the first operation took perfectly. Some persons, however, can never be re-vaccinated. It is believed that vaccination once perfectly performed has the effect of modifying an attack of small-pox at any stage of life. And it is contended that even after small-pox has commenced vaccination will modify the disease. Second attacks of small-pox are referred to, but the mortality in such cases does not appear to have been as great as in original attacks."

The Flower Garden. Most people have yet to learn the true enjoyment of life; it is not fine dresses, or large houses, or elegant furniture, or rich wines, or gay parties, that makes home happy. Really, wealth cannot purchase pleasures of the higher sort; these depend not on money or money's worth; it is the heart, and tastes and intellect, which determine the happiness of men; which give the seeing eye, and the sentient nature, and without which man is a little better than a walking clothes-horse.

A snug and clean home, no matter how tiny it may be, so that it is wholesome; windows into which the sun can shine cheerily; a few good books and papers; no duns at the door; a neat and cheerful flower garden without, with flowers in your room; and there are none so poor as not to have about them the elements of pleasure.

SOIL FOR THE GRAPE.—It is a curious fact that very rich and highly manured land has rarely produced a grape that would yield a high quality of wine. The grape that contains the most saccharine matter will make the best wine, and the different varieties differ widely in the proportion of sugar. In Italy and in Sicily the very finest and sweetest grapes grow on the rocky rubbish of volcanoes, and those that grow on loose rocky soil or along hillsides covered with rocks, are often the best. These facts ought to teach us not to select the richest soils, and not to stuff them with organic manure, for the grape.—[Ploughman.

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